

CLAIMS

1. A heat-shrinkable jointing for an electrical power cable comprising a sleeve or other hollow article having an electrically insulating inner layer, an electrically conductive outer layer, and between the inner and outer layers a thermoplastic mid-layer which can be softened by application of heat to the said sleeve or article to cause and/or permit dimensional recovery thereof, characterised in that the said sleeve (10) is of tubular, one-piece construction and the outer and thermoplastic layers act to hold out the elastomeric inner layer and the thickness of the outer layer being less than 50%, preferably less than 25%, more preferably less than 12.5% than that of the thermoplastic mid-layer.
2. A jointing as claimed in Claim 1, characterised in that the insulating inner layer (11) is comprised of an elastomeric material.
3. A jointing as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2, characterised in that the thermoplastic mid-layer (12) is sufficiently rigid to retain the inner layer (11) in a radially expanded state prior to recovery.
4. A jointing as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 3, characterised in that the mid-layer (12) comprises an electrically insulating layer.
5. A jointing as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 5, characterised in that the said sleeve (10) is an extruded sleeve.
6. A jointing as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, characterised in that the said sleeve or hollow article is a moulded sleeve or hollow article.

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